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LAWS,

STATUTES,

AND

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OF THE

Ancient and moſt benevolent

ORDER

OF THE

FRIENDLY BROTHERS

OF

St. *PATRICK.*

THE SECOND EDITION.

Maximè autem perturbantur officia in amicitiis: quibus et non tribuere, quod rectè poſſis, et tribuere, quod non ſit æquum, contra officium eſt. Sed hujus generis totius breve, et non difficile præceptum eſt. Quæ enim videntur *utilia, honores, divitiæ, voluptates, et cæteræ generis ejuſdem, hæc amicitiæ nunquam anteponendæ ſunt. At nequè contra rempublicam, nequè contra jusjurandum ac fidem, amici ſui cauſâ vir bonus faciet.* CICERO.

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INTRODUCTION.

MAN being in his natural State, the moſt naked and helpleſs of all Creatures, is forced to fly to Society for Aſſiſtance; where, by Means of the Benefits mutually paid and received, his Weakneſs is protected, his Infirmities relieved, and all his Wants comfortably ſupplied: He therefore, that is the beſt Member of Society, is conſequently the beſt Man. But as no one can juſtly be ſaid to extend his benevolent Regard to a Million, who never loved an Individual of the Number, (Man being found to riſe in his Affections from Particulars to Generals,) it is hoped it may prove ſomewhat conducive to the Good of Society *in general*, to promote and encourage among Men, the

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juſt Obſervance of private and ſingular Friendſhips: whence, growing more humane, their Hearts inlarge, taking in at firſt particular Societies and Ranks of Men, till, dilated by inſenſible Gradations, at length they overflow with generous Sentiments of Candor, Benevolence and Friendſhip for all Mankind. A Heart thus tempered is prepared for the eaſy Reception of all other Virtues. For this divine and glorious Purpoſe, the ancient and moſt benevolent Order of the FRIENDLY BROTHERS, diffuſed through the Univerſe, was firſt inſtituted; who, for the better Regulation of the Order, and to eſtabliſh a mutual Good-Will and Correſpondence among them, have enacted, that the following *fundamental Laws*, *Statutes*, and *Conſtitutions*, ſhall be for ever inviolably obſerved and kept ſacred, by all the Members of this *ancient and moſt benevolent Order*.

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I. THE ancient and moſt benevolent ORDER of the FRIENDLY BROTHERS, conſiſteth of an unlimited Number of Members, diſtinguiſhed by the Word FRIENDLY inſerted between their Chriſtian and Sirnames: who, in honour of IRELAND, where this ORDER was firſt inſtituted, and hath long flouriſhed, have put themſelves under the Patronage of St. PATRICK; and are therefore ſtyled THE FRIENDLY BROTHERS OF SAINT PATRICK.

Title of the ORDER.

Number.

Word Friendly, where to be uſed.

St. *Patrick* their Patron.

II. THIS

Degrees of the ORDER.

Regulars and Perfects.

II. THIS ORDER is divided into two Claſſes. One comprehending all the Members of the ORDER, ſtyled the REGULAR FRIENDLY BROTHERS. The other conſiſting of ſuch Regulars, as for their well-tried Fidelity and Friendſhip, have been initiated into the grand and ſolemn Myſteries of the ORDER, and are ſtyled THE APPROVED AND PERFECT FRIENDLY BROTHERS: who from thenceforth, become Members of all Knots in the Univerſe.

Knot, it's Signification.

Denominations.

III. THE Aſſemblies of the Brethren are called KNOTS: ſignifying the indiſſoluble Tie of Love, and Friendſhip, wherewith they are mutually bound. And they are either Principal Knots, or Marching Knots, which all center in the GENERAL GRAND KNOT, and SELECT GRAND KNOT.

Grand Preſident annually elective.

His Title.

IV. THE Principal of this ORDER, who is annually elective out of the approved, and perfect-friendly Brothers, in all public Acts of the ORDER, is ſtyled, *His Benevolence the Grand Preſident of the Ancient and moſt Benevolent* ORDER *of the Friendly Brothers*. He is, during his Office, to uſe the Word FRIENDLY, inſtead of his Sirname: and hath the Privilege of preſiding in any Knot which he honours with his preſence. He is conſtantly to reſide in the Kingdom of IRELAND: And if he ſhould at any time, without the Conſent and Approbation of the GENERAL GRAND KNOT, abſent himſelf from IRELAND above ſix Months, his Office is thereby vacated, and the ORDER may proceed to a new Election.

Conſtantly to reſide in *Ireland*.

V. HIS

V. His Benevolence the Grand President of the ORDER, hath always a Right in himſelf, of his own good Pleaſure, and benevolent Diſpoſition, to appoint one Regular Friendly Brother, in his Year, to any Knot in the Univerſe. Prerogative.

VI. The Legiſlative Power of this ORDER is lodged in the General Grand Knot, which is compoſed of all Regular and Perfect Friendly Brothers, wherein the Grand President of the ORDER, or his Vice-President, by him ſpecially authoriſed, ſhall preſide: But in caſe it ſhall happen, that neither the Grand President, nor his Vice-President, ſhall be able to attend; in ſuch Caſe, the Senior who has ſerved in the Office of Grand President, or in caſe no ſuch ſhall be preſent, then the Senior Perfect preſent ſhall open the General Grand Knot, and proceed to do the Buſineſs thereof. Here, the Grand President, with the Approbation of the General Grand Knot, hath Power, by Patent, to conſtitute new Knots in any Part of the Univerſe. The Preſidents of which new created Knots, ſhall be called the PRESIDENT of the Principal Knot of that County, City, or Place for which the Patent ſhall be granted: "And no Patent ſhall be granted except on a Petition to His Benevolence, and the General Grand Knot, ſigned by at leaſt five registered Brothers, ſignifying that they are ready to open ſaid Knot on the Receipt of their Patent, and promiſing to govern it according to the Fundamental Laws, Statutes, and Conſtitutions of The Order, and to ſuch Regulations as the General Grand Knot ſhall think proper to preſcribe." Legiſlature, of whom compoſed. Vice-Preſident. Senior Perfect. Their Power. Principal Knots. Form of applying for a Patent.

VII. After

Marching Knots.

VII. After the ſame manner, the Grand President granteth Patents for holding Marching Knots, in all Parts of the World, by Gentlemen of the Army, which ſhall be independent of all other Knots, except the General Grand Knot. They ſhall have all the Powers of a Principal Knot, except, that they ſhall not have Power to admit any Members into ſuch marching Knots, but Gentlemen of the Army only.

Patents.

Place of holding Knots.

Number of Members to be preſent.

VIII. All Patents univerſally, ſhall be ſigned by His Benevolence, or his Deputy, and counterſigned by the Principal Secretary of the General Grand Knot. And no Knot ſhall be held out of the County, City, or Place for which the Patent is granted, without particular Leave had from the General Grand Knot. Nor ſhall any new Knot, (under the Standing of Nine Months) from its firſt Opening, be opened, unleſs three Regular Brothers at the leaſt, nor any Knot of the Standing of Nine Months, or upwards, unleſs five Regular Brothers, at the leaſt, be preſent, the President always included.

Select Grand Knot.

Of whom compoſed.

Their Power.

Secretaries of the ORDER.

IX. His Benevolence the Grand President hath alſo a Council appointed for him, for the better Regulation and Management of the grand Affairs of the ORDER, called the Select Grand Knot, conſiſting only of Approved, and Perfect Friendly Brothers: in which alone is lodged the Power of electing Approved and Perfect Friendly Brothers. And his Benevolence hath two Secretaries, called the Principal Secretaries of the ORDER: one to officiate in the General Grand Knot, and the other in the Select Grand

GRAND KNOT. And every Knot ſhall have a Secretary and a Treaſurer, who muſt all keep Books, wherein proper Entries ſhall be made of all the Proceedings of their reſpective Knots, and particularly of all new Laws and Orders, which may hereafter be thought fit to be made for the good of the ORDER. Secretaries, and Treaſurers, to keep Books.

X. THE GRAND PRESIDENT, or his VICE-PRESIDENT, is impowered to viſit, and inſpect every Knot whatſoever. AND his Benevolence hath alſo a Power to nominate and appoint one of the PERFECT BROTHERS in every Knot, except in the City of Dublin, his VICE-PRESIDENT for that Place, to ſummon and convene the PERFECTS of that Place, and to propoſe ſuch of their Brethren, as they ſhall think deſerving to be made Perfects, to the SELECT GRAND KNOT in DUBLIN: and if they be approved of there, that ſuch VICE-PRESIDENT ſhall be impowered to receive and initiate them. AND that ſuch SELECT KNOT ſhall have Power to inſpect the Conduct of the Principal, and Marching Knots of, or in that Place, and report to the SELECT GRAND KNOT, in DUBLIN, or to the GENERAL GRAND KNOT, their Opinion thereon. Grand Preſident to viſit all Knots. Manner of initiating Perfects in the Country.

XI. THE GRAND PRESIDENT being conſtantly to reſide in the Kingdom of IRELAND for the better Regulation and Government of the ORDER diffuſed through the Univerſe, ſhall be impowered, with the Approbation of the GENERAL GRAND KNOT, to appoint one of the APPROVED AND PERFECT FRIENDLY BROTHERS, to preſide in each foreign Kingdom or Principality, who ſhall be ſtyled, THE GRAND PRESIDENT of the Kingdom, Grand Preſident to reſide in the Kingdom. Grand Preſident of a foreign Kingdom.

His Title. dom, or Principality in which he reſides. And he ſhall have the ſame Precedences and Diſtinctions that HIS BENEVOLENCE the GRAND PRESIDENT of the ORDER enjoyeth.

Knots to aſſemble St. *Patrick*'s Day. XII. EVERY GRAND PRESIDENT, and PRESIDENT throughout the Univerſe, ſhall ſummon and convene their Knots on the ſeventeenth Day of *March* annually, that being the Anniverſary Feſtival of St. PATRICK, the Patron of the ORDER. When all the Members ſhall appear in the Enſigns of the ORMedal. DER, being a golden Medal, on which ſhall be impreſſed Saint PATRICK's Croſs, fixed in a Heart, over which is a Crown. The whole being ſet round with an emblematic Knot embelliſhed with Trefoil, or Shamrouge Leaves, and this motto, FIDELIS, ET CONSTANS: implying Fidelity, and Conſtancy in Religion, Loyalty, and Friendſhip. On the Reverſe Arms. ſhall be impreſſed the Arms of the ORDER. Namely, A Group of Hearts in Feſſe, Or, (as an Emblem of the ſtrict Union of the Members of the ORDER,) charged with a celeſtial Crown of the ſame, in Chief, in a Field Vert; (the Reward of their Benevolence, and Fidelity.) Round the Shield, an endleſs Knot, ſet with Shamrouge Leaves, the Mantling, proper, and two emblematic Dolphins, their Faces downwards, Argent. A Label iſſuing from their Mouths, with this (Ribbon) Motto, QUIS SEPARABIT. This Medal green. ſhall be worn pendant to a green Ribbon. Creſt. And for the Creſt, on an Helmet, and Wreath of their Colours, a Wolf-Dog ſtanding proper. Perfect Ribbon, not to be worn by any elſe. On the Ribbon of the PERFECT FRIENDLY BROTHERS, the Croſs is blazoned in Embroidery, and ornamented with a celeſtial Crown, which

which no REGULAR BROTHER ſhall at any time preſume to wear, under Penalty of perpetual Diſcontinuance. Every Member of the ORDER is conſtantly to wear his green Ribbon, and never to be ſeen without it. If at any time he ſhould, he is to forfeit Two-pence; and if in a Knot, Six-pence.

Green Ribbon always worn.

XIII. On the Seventeenth Day of *March* alſo, the GENERAL GRAND KNOT ſhall annually proceed to elect a GRAND PRESIDENT of the ORDER, who ſhall enter upon his Office the Firſt Day of *May* following. And upon the ſaid Seventeenth Day annually, the SELECT GRAND KNOT ſhall ſettle the Myſteries of the ORDER for the enſuing Year. Upon the ſame Day annually, all other KNOTS ſhall proceed to elect their reſpective Officers, who ſhall alſo enter upon their Offices the Firſt Day of *May* following. And, at the ſame time, all GRAND PRESIDENTS of foreign Parts, and PRESIDENTS of PRINCIPAL and MARCHING KNOTS, ſhall, by themſelves, or their Secretaries, write to the GRAND PRESIDENT, or his Secretary, for their annual Inſtructions; which, when they have received, they ſhall duly communicate. And if it ſhall ſo happen, that the GRAND PRESIDENT, or any other PRESIDENT, ſhall, by means of Sickneſs, Abſence, or Negligence, fail to ſummon their reſpective Knots upon that Day, or if any PRESIDENT ſhall happen to die, their Secretaries may convene them. And if they alſo ſhall neglect, the Members of ſuch Knots may, of themſelves, aſſemble at the moſt uſual Place of Meeting, and proceed to the Buſineſs of the Day, as if their PRESIDENTS had been actually

Grand Preſident to be elected, and Myſteries ſettled that Day.

All other Officers to be elected.

Preſidents to write for annual Inſtructions.

When Secretaries may convene Knots.

Members themſelves to aſſemble.

Knots not aſſembling to be diſcontinued.

tually preſent. And the Knots offending herein are diſcontinued, until reſtored upon proper Application to the GENERAL GRAND KNOT. If the GENERAL GRAND KNOT ſhall neglect to come to an Election upon the Day, and in the Manner aforeſaid, the GRAND PRESIDENT for the time being, and all the Officers of that Knot, ſhall hold over for one Year more, and ſo on for ever. And, at the ſame time, that every Knot writes to their immediate Superiors for their annual Inſtructions, they are to ſend exact Liſts of the ſeveral Members admitted into their reſpective Knots during the laſt Year, and of thoſe Perſons that have been rejected, or diſcontinued; which ſhall all be regiſtered in the GENERAL GRAND KNOT. Alſo an exact Account of, together with the Fees of that Year due to the GENERAL GRAND KNOT, and from whom received, according to the 24th Statute.

General Grand Knot to hold over.

Liſts of the Members to be ſent up.

Liſts to be regiſtered.

Annual Accounts.

By-laws.

XIV. EVERY PRINCIPAL and MARCHING KNOT hath a Right to make By-laws to bind itſelf: Provided the Laws ſo made by either of them, ſhall not be repugnant to theſe the STATUTES and fundamental LAWS of the ORDER, and ſhall have lain, at leaſt, a Month on their Books before confirmed. BUT every Knot, lawfully conſtituted, hath a Power of admitting REGULAR FRIENDLY BROTERS into the ORDER. And no Brother who is not impowered as theſe STATUTES direct, ſhall preſume to initiate any one whatſoever. And Perſons deſirous to be admitted, ſhall petition the PRESIDENT of the Knot, of which they would become Members, which Petition ſhall be handed in by a Brother, and ſhall be treated according to the particular Rules

Power of every Knot.

None without Authority ſhall admit Members.

Method of Admiſſion.

Rules of that Knot. But if the perſon thus applying, ſhall happen to be rejected; the principal Secretary of the GENERAL GRAND KNOT is to be acquainted therewith, who is to give Notice thereof to all other Knots, that he may not be received into any. If the Perſon chooſes to apply a ſecond Time, as he hath a Right to do, in the ſame Knot; then all the Members who were preſent at the Ballot, ſhall be particularly ſummoned, if within three Miles of the Place, and the Occaſion mentioned in the Summons. No new admitted Brother ſhall be permitted to treat or feaſt the Knot, into which he is admitted: But, on the contrary, every new Brother, at the Time of his being admitted a NOVICE, ſhall be treated by the Knot, he only paying the Entrance Fee.

Perſons rejected, not to be received into any other Knot.

New Members not to treat; but to be treated.

XV. EVERY FRIENDLY BROTHER ſhall obey the Summons of his Knot, provided he hath been ſerved therewith twenty-four Hours before the Time appointed, and is within three Miles of the Place of Meeting, and is not hindered by ſome lawful and important Occaſion. And if any Member ſhall abſent himſelf, he ſhall give a faithful Account to his Brethren of the Reaſons that detained him, and ſubmit himſelf to the Cenſure of the Knot. And as all PERFECT BROTHERS are Members of every Knot, they ſhall be regularly ſummoned in like manner. No Knot whatever ſhall diſcontinue or otherwiſe cenſure the Conduct of an APPROVED and PERFECT FRIENDLY BROTHER, but the SELECT GRAND KNOT only. Nor ſhall any particular Knot totally diſcontinue any Member from the ORDER, but the GENERAL GRAND KNOT alone, which is always to be informed

Brothers to obey the Summons of their Knots.

Not abſent themſelves.

Perfects to be regularly ſummoned.

Not to be cenſured.

Total diſcontinuance in the General Grand Knot alone.

informed fully of the Matter, to judge of the Complaint, and to proceed accordingly.

Members to be Chriſtians. No religious nor Party Debates ſuffered. Curſing, Swearing, and Obſcenity forbidden.

XVI. No Perſon whatſoever ſhall be admitted into this ORDER who does not profeſs himſelf a CHRISTIAN. Nor ſhall any Religious, Political, National, or Party Debates, be permitted in any Knot. All profane *Curſing*, *Swearing*, and *Obſcenity*, ſhall at all Times be avoided by the FRIENDLY BROTHERS: And every Member who ſhall err herein in any Knot, or in the Preſence of a FRIENDLY BROTHER, ſhall, for every Offence, pay Sixpence for the Uſe of the Poor, as a ſmall Memorial of his Crime.

Word of a Friendly to be kept ſacred. Friendly Secrecy to be obſerved inviolate.

XVII. IF any Member of this ORDER affirmeth any Thing upon the Word of a FRIENDLY, he is religiouſly to tell the Truth. So alſo, if he imparts a Secret to any Brother, under the Seal of FRIENDLY Secrecy, the ſame ſhall not, in any Manner, be revealed, without his own proper Conſent; provided ſuch Secret containeth nothing contrary to the Laws of GOD, or of the Land; and that it may be every Way lawful to keep the ſame.

Brothers to relieve one another in diſtreſs.

XVIII. IF any Member of this ORDER findeth a continued FRIENDLY BROTHER of the ſame in Diſtreſs, he is to afford him all lawful Aſſiſtance to the utmoſt of his Abilities. And herein his own FRIENDLY Conſcience is to judge how far he is to extend his Benevolence.

Shall not quarrel.

XIX. No FRIENDLY BROTHER ſhall affront or quarrel with a continued Member of the ORDER. But, as the beſt of Mankind in their unguarded

unguarded Moments, are ſubject to Paſſions, if any Member of this ORDER, through the Frailty of human Nature, ſhould have the Misfortune ſo far to forget the Love he owes his Brother, and the Obedience due to theſe STATUTES, as to proceed to Anger with a continued FRIENDLY BROTHER, and diſturb the Peace and Tranquillity of the ORDER, He ſhall not preſume to decide his own Quarrel according to the Laws of pretended Honour, by the barbarous Practice of DUELLING, unknown to the politeſt and braveſt Nations, but ſhall peaceably, and with due Obedience, ſubmit his Differences to the Deciſion of his Knot; who ſhall cauſe the Offender to make ſufficient and honourable Attonement for his Error. And the Parties on both Sides ſhall renew their FRIENDSHIP, and in all Points ſubmit themſelves to the FRIENDLY Admonition and Determination of their Brethren, who ſhall judge on ſuch Occaſions without Prejudice or Favour.

But refer his Differences to his Knot.

Who ſhall judge impartially.

XX. ANY grand Breach of the known Rules of FRIENDSHIP to a continued Brother, or a general Diſreſpect of theſe Laws, ſhall be puniſhed with perpetual Diſcontinuance; whereby the Offender is deprived of all the Benefits of this ORDER. And the GRAND PRESIDENT ſhall communicate the ſame to all GRAND PRESIDENTS of foreign Kingdoms, and PRESIDENTS of Principal and Marching Knots: That ſo, Care may be taken, that no Perſon ſo totally diſcontinued may ever again be admitted into this ancient and moſt benevolent ORDER.

Diſreſpect to the Laws puniſhed with Diſcontinuance.

Names of diſcontinued Members, to be communicated to the whole ORDER.

XXI. UNITY among the Brethren has ever been one of the grand Characteriſticks of the ORDER,

Unity amongſt Brethren.

ORDER. And although, through the Frailty of human Nature, Perfection is not on this Side the Grave, yet it is the Ambition of the FRIENDLY BROTHERS to make the faireſt Attempts; therefore, as to the approving of Candidates, or admitting, *ad Eundem*, (both of which are hereby directed to be by Ballot) in a Knot from five to thirteen Brethren, one diſſenting Brother nulls the Act. In a Knot from thirteen to twenty Brethren, two Brothers ſhall null the Act. In a Knot from twenty to twenty-ſeven, not leſs than three ſhall null the Act. And ſo on, for every ſeven Brethren more, there ſhall be one Negative more to null the Act. Otherwiſe the Act ſhall ſtand good in all Knots, except in the Caſe of electing of Officers, which ſhall be determined by a Majority.

The Ballot for Members.

XXII. THE GENERAL GRAND KNOT of this ancient and moſt benevolent ORDER, ſhall for ever be held or convened in the City of DUBLIN, the Metropolis of the Kingdom, or within the Liberties of the ſame, and no where elſe. And no Member ſhall quit the Room, while the GENERAL GRAND KNOT is ſitting, without firſt obtaining Leave from the Preſident. And if any Member ſhould be faulty herein, he ſhall be fined, and cenſured by the GRAND PRESIDENT, at his Diſcretion.

General Grand Knot to be held in DUBLIN.

No Brother to quit the Knot without Leave.

XXIII. No FRIENDLY BROTHER ſhall publiſh, advertiſe, or inſert in a News-paper, or otherwiſe, any Thing relative to the ORDER, except Summonſes for convening Knots, without the previous Approbation of the GENERAL GRAND KNOT.

No Brother to advertiſe.

XXIV.

XXIV. In Order to create a Fund to enable *the General Grand Knot* to defray its various and neceſſary Expences, and to extend the *benevolent* Intentions of the Friendly Brothers, every Perſon on being initiated a Novice ſhall pay for the Uſe of *the General Grand Knot* One Guinea, over and above the uſual Admiſſion Fee of the Knot into which he ſhall be received. The ſame to be regularly ſent up to *the Grand Secretary* by each Knot, on making their Returns, and applying for their annual Inſtructions.

Every Gentleman on being made to pay a Guinea to the General Fund.

XXV. Finally, as the Friendly Brothers profeſs themſelves to be Lovers of all Mankind; they ſhall therefore endeavour, by their Advice, and Example, to promote, and encourage among Men, the Practice of all the ſocial Virtues; and to let their Humanity, Benevolence, and Charity extend ſo univerſally to all that are diſtreſſed, and miſerable; as to render themſelves in the End, to be deſervedly eſteemed Approved, and Perfect Friendly Brothers of the ancient, and moſt benevolent ORDER of the FRIENDLY BROTHERS OF SAINT PATRICK.

To profeſs univerſal Benevolence, and general Philantropy.

Agreed to in a General Grand Knot, *on the* 17*th of* December, 1787, *and ordered to be printed.*

Cornelius Friendly.

F I N I S.

The FIRST LESSON *appointed for the Inſtruction of this* ORDER.

I. A FRIEND loveth at all Times, and a BROTHER is born for Adverſity. *Prov.* 17. 17.

II. A MAN that hath Friends, muſt ſhew himſelf friendly: and there is a FRIEND that ſticketh cloſer than a BROTHER. 18. 24.

III. SWEET Language will multiply Friends: and a fair ſpeaking Tongue will increaſe kind Greetings. *Eccluſ.* 6. 5.

IV. A FAITHFUL FRIEND is a ſtrong Defence: and he that hath found ſuch a one, hath found a Treaſure. 14.

V. NOTHING doth countervail a faithful Friend, and his Excellency is invaluable. 15.

VI. A FAITHFUL FRIEND is a Medicine of Life, and they that fear the LORD ſhall find him. 16.

VII. WHOSO feareth the Lord ſhall direct his Friendſhip aright: for as he is, ſo ſhall his Neighbour be alſo. 17.

VIII. CHANGE not a FRIEND for any Good, by no Means: neither a FAITHFUL BROTHER for the Gold of *Ophir*. *Eccluſ.* 7. 18.

9. 10. IX. FORSAKE not an old Friend, for the new is not comparable to him: a new Friend is as new Wine; when it is old, thou ſhalt drink it with Pleaſure.

22. 25. X. I WILL not be aſhamed to defend a Friend, neither will I hide myſelf from him.

26. XI. AND if any Evil happen unto me by him, every one that heareth it will beware of him.

27. 16. XII. WHOSO diſcovereth Secrets, loſeth his Credit; and ſhall never find a Friend to his Mind.

17. XIII. LOVE thy Friend and be faithful unto him: but if thou bewrayeſt his Secrets, follow no more after him.

18. XIV. FOR as a Man hath deſtroyed his Enemy, ſo haſt thou loſt the Love of thy Neighbour.

19. XV. As one that letteth a Bird go out of his Hand, ſo haſt thou let thy Neighbour go.

20. XVI. FOLLOW after him no more, for he is too far off; he is as a Roe eſcaped out of the Snare.

21. XVII. As for a Wound it may be bound up; and after reviling there may be Reconcilement: but he that betrayeth Secrets is without Hope.

XVIII. FORGET

XVIII. FORGET not thy FRIEND in thy Mind, and be not unmindful of him in thy Riches. 37. 6.

XIX. ABSTAIN from *Strife*, and thou ſhalt diminiſh thy Sins. 28. 8.

XX. THE Beginning of *Strife* is as the letting out of Water, thou knoweſt not where it may end. *Prov.* 17. 14.

XXI. Go not forth haſtily to ſtrive, leaſt thou know not what to do in the End thereof, when thy Neighbour hath put thee to Shame. *Prov.* 25. 8.

XXII. DEBATE thy Cauſe with thy Neighbour himſelf, and diſcover not a *Secret* to another. 9.

XXIII. ADMONISH a *Friend*, it may be he hath not done it, and if he have done it, that he do it no more. *Eccluſ.* 19. 13.

XXIV. ADMONISH a *Friend*, it may be he hath not ſaid it, and if he hath, that he ſpeak it not again. 14.

XXV. ADMONISH a *Friend*, for many Times it is a Slander, and believe not every Tale. 15.

XXVI. ACCUSTOM not thy Mouth to *Swearing:* neither uſe thyſelf to the naming of the *Holy One*. 23. 9.

XXVII. FOR as a Servant that is continually beaten, ſhall not be without a black Mark: 10.

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ſo he that ſweareth and nameth God continually, ſhall not be faultleſs.

11. XXVIII. A Man that uſeth much *Swearing*, ſhall be filled with Iniquity, and the Plague ſhall never depart from his Houſe: if he ſhall offend, his Sin ſhall be upon him, and if he acknowledge not his Sin, he maketh a double Offence; and if he ſwear in vain, he ſhall not be innocent, but his Houſe ſhall be full of Calamities.

The End of the FIRST LESSON.

The

The SECOND LESSON.

I. A NEW Commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you. *John.* 13 4.

II. BY this ſhall all Men know, that you are my Diſciples, if ye have Love one for another. *John.* 13. 35.

III. GREATER Love hath no Man than this, that a Man lay down his Life for his Friends. 15. 13.

IV. BELOVED, let us love one another: for LOVE is of GOD; and every one that loveth is born of GOD, and knoweth GOD. *John* Ep. 4. 7.

V. HE that loveth not, knoweth not GOD. 8.

VI. FOR GOD is LOVE; and he that dwelleth in LOVE, dwelleth in GOD, and GOD in him. 16.

VII. There is no Fear in Love, but perfect Love caſteth out Fear, becauſe Fear hath Torment: he that feareth is not made perfect in Love. 18.

VIII. WE love him, becauſe he firſt loved us. 19.

IX. IF any Man ſay, I love GOD, and hateth his BROTHER, he is a Liar: For he that loveth not his BROTHER, whom he hath ſeen, how can he love GOD, whom he hath not ſeen? 20

X. AND

21. X. And this Commandment we have from him, that he who loveth God, love his Brother alſo.

Galatians, 6. 1. XI. If a Brother be overtaken in a Fault, reſtore ſuch a one in the Spirit of Meekneſs.

Epheſ. 4. 31. XII. Let all Bitterneſs and Wrath, and Clamour, and Evil-ſpeaking, be put away from you, with all Malice.

32. XIII. And be kind to one another, tender hearted, forbearing and forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's Sake hath forgiven you.

James 5. 12. XIV. But above all Things, my Brethren, swear not at all, neither by Heaven, neither by the Earth, neither by any other Oath. *Matthew* 5. 37. But let your Communication be yea, yea, nay, nay: for whatſoever is more than theſe, cometh of Evil.

The End of the SECOND LESSON.

The

The CHARTER SONG.

I.

LONG had the jarring Atoms been
In dire Confuſion hurl'd;
'Till *Jove*, to prove his friendly Reign,
Bade Concord form the World.
In Chorus then your Voices raiſe,
To Friendſhip's Glory, Union's Praiſe.

II.

By ſteady Rule in Order bright,
The new Creation roſe,
And Wonders iſſuing into Light,
A beauteous Frame diſcloſe.
In Chorus then, &c.

III.

All Nature cloſely link'd we find;
Such Ties does Love inſpire;
For Love alone this Knot could bind,
With Force of ſocial Fire.
In Chorus then, &c.

IV.

The Bliſs of Friendſhip, Truth and Love,
Our Hopes in Proſpect ſhew;
As Harmony delights above,
It charms the Soul below.
In Chorus then, &c.

V.

'Twas Love ſpread Warmth and Heat on Earth,
And Union nurs'd the Flame;
'Twas this gave Kings and Heroes Birth;
Hence *Cæſars*, *Naſſaus* came.
In Chorus then, &c.

VI.

On this unſhaken Rock depend,
'Till future Times ſhall own,
Our heav'nly Friendſhip knows no End;
For Concord fix'd her Throne.
In Chorus then, &c.
Da Capo.

FRIENDSHIP's PRAISE;

A NEW SONG.

To the Tune of, *Long live great George our King.*

I.

TO ſing in FRIENDSHIP's Praiſe,
Let all your Voices raiſe;
Glorious the Theme. *Da Capo.*
Friendſhip has various Charms,
Enticing to her Arms,
Guarding us from all Harms;
Sacred her Name. *Chorus.*

II.

Conſtant Fidelity,
Let her ſweet Motto be:
Write it on Gold. *Da Capo.*
Inſcriptive on your Heart,
Be Friendſhip without Art;
Friendſhip has, on her Part,
Beauties untold. *Chorus.*

III.

Friendlies inſeparate,
Glowing with mutual Heat,
What can divide? *Da Capo.*
Union, and Harmony,
Concord, and Amity,
Love, and Fidelity,
Are Friendſhip's Pride. *Chorus.*

SONG.

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I.

GRANT me, kind Heaven, what I requeſt;
In Friendſhip's Joys let me be bleſt;
Direct me to that happy Place
Where Friendſhip ſmiles in every Face,
Where Union, Bliſs, and Innocence
Delight the Mind, regale the Senſe.

II.

Where ſceptred Reaſon, from her Throne,
Surveys the Heart, and makes us one;
And Harmony's delightful Sway
For ever ſheds Ambroſial Day,
Where we bleſt Eden's Pleaſures taſte,
And Friendly Joys are our Repaſt.

III.

Our Knot the ſocial Virtues grace,
Where Friendſhip radiant in each Face
Reflects, with Luſtre ever new,
The Friendly Path we ſhould purſue;
Thus link'd, our Friendly Joys increaſe,
'Till crown'd with pure celeſtial Peace.

SONG, by Dr. *Ralph Schomberg.*

I.

FILL your Glaſſes neat and trim,
Gayly ſparkling to the Brim;
Toaſt each honeſt Friendly here,
And the Brethren far and near:
Firmly thus together tied,
Who ſhall dare our KNOT *divide.*
Chorus. Firmly thus, &c.

II.

Th' *emblematic* Heart around,
Lo! with Honor's *Girdle* bound;
This we FRIENDLY BROTHERS know,
We whoſe Hearts with Honor glow.
Chorus. Firmly thus, &c.

III.

Mark the buſy World, and ſee
Where you'll find Fidelity?
FRIENDLIES act no double Part,——
With our *Hand* we give our *Heart.*
Chorus. Firmly thus, &c.

IV.

On her Baſis, ſtrong and ſure,
Conſcious *Virtue* ſtands ſecure:
Let her Dart *Detraction* caſt——
We'll be *faithful* to the laſt.
Chorus. Firmly thus, &c.

V.

Warm'd by *Friendſhip*—ſtill the Fair
Are not leſs a FRIENDLY'S Care;
Low we bend to *Beauty*'s Shrine,
And to *them* our Hearts reſign.
Chorus. Firmly thus, &c.

VI.

As the Turtle to his Dove,
We are *conſtant* in our Love;
Faith and Conſtancy we boaſt,
Love and Friendſhip is our Toaſt.
Firmly thus together tied,
Who ſhall dare our KNOT *divide?*
Chorus. Firmly thus, &c.

SONG,

SONG, by the Same.

I.

THE Gods were aſſembled, *Olympus* was gay,
The *Nectar* went merrily round,
When up ſtarted *Phœbus*, the Monarch of Day,
A Toaſt in his Turn to propound.

II.

Great *Jove*, he gave CHARLOTTE, and *Juno* the KING,
Their Thunder proclaim'd it around;
Long live GEORGE and CHARLOTTE all Heaven did ring,
So pleas'd were the Gods with the Sound.

III.

The Corſican Chief, in a Bumper full charg'd,
Mars chearfully toaſted about;
On his Valor, *Minerva* moſt gaily enlarg'd,
And then——drank her Glaſs fairly out.

IV.

The *God of the Ocean* he drank to our Fleet,
Gave KEPPEL and HAWKE as his Toaſt;
Theſe Warriors in Action will never retreat,
Whatever proud *Gallia* may boaſt.

V.

Sol, honeſtly filling his Glaſs to the Brim,
Obſerv'd that they all did the ſame;
Diana herſelf tho' ſo prudiſh and prim,
She took off a Bumper for Shame:

VI.

A Health to the FRIENDLIES, Succeſs and Increaſe;
Long live all the Brethren they cry'd;
May they flouriſh for ever, ſince Union and Peace,
Are their chiefeſt Enjoyment and Pride.

VII.

Their Pleaſures are ſocial, their Friendſhip ſincere,
To Faction nor Party confin'd;
To Laws and Religion they ſtrictly adhere,
And ſtudy the Good of Mankind.

VIII.

Young *Bacchus* his Flaggon quite fill'd to the Top,
Drank jovially off with a Smile,
And ſwore ſuch a Toaſt ſhould be drank ev'ry Drop,
Though it were to the Bottom a Mile.

IX.

The *Goddeſs of Beauty*, embracing the Cup,
Look'd round with a Leer of Conſent,
Ev'n *Cupid*, a Youngſter, wou'd need take a Sup,
For he knew what her Goddeſsſhip meant.

X.

They're faithful in Friendſhip, and conſtant in Love,
This *Venus* avers to be true:
Now ſay, ye Immortals who dwell here above,
Is this not an Emblem of You?

XI.

Grim *Pluto* refus'd in a Paſſion and Foam,
Declar'd like a ſurly old Sot,
He'd rather, much rather, return to his Home
Than drink off a Health to the Knot.

XII.

His Reaſons were aſk'd; they are obvious and plain,
I never can wiſh my Foes well;
Their Faith and their Conſtancy hurt my Domain——
—I'll have no ſuch Doings in Hell.

XIII.

Up roſe mighty *Jove*, while his Thunder he roll'd,
And ſwore by the River of *Styx*,
For this Reaſon a *Gen'ral Grand* Knot he wou'd hold,
And in *Dublin* that Knot he wou'd fix.

XIV.

Put about the briſk *Nectar*,—like FRIENDLIES unite,—
Come, *Ganymede*, fill our Cups high;
Succeſs to the Order that gives ſuch Delight:
Now who dare a Bumper deny?

CHORUS.

A Health to the FRIENDLIES, Succeſs and Increaſe;
Long live all the Brethren! they cry'd;
May they flouriſh for ever! ſince Union and Peace
Are their chiefeſt Enjoyment and Pride.

SONG,

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By Mr. *DELAMAIN.*

I.

THE Prince, who exalted ſits high on his Throne,
Has Doubts, Fears, and Troubles, and Cares of his own,
But he'd nought have to fear, nor from *Briton* nor *Scot*,
Were thoſe he employ'd ſuch as make up our KNOT.

II.

Look round the Societies held by Mankind,
Diviſion and Conteſts you're ſure for to find;
Diviſion, nor Conteſt, nor Shadow of Blot,
Shall ever be laid to the Charge of our KNOT.

III.

The Lawyer his Client, the Prieſt his Devotion,
The Soldier his Sword, and the Doctor his Potion,
Shall all throw aſide, for to periſh and rot,
Admittance to gain into our *Friendly* KNOT.

IV.

The Lover his Fair-one, the Poet his Story,
The Miſer his Purſe, the Ambitious his Glory,
The Beau his fine Clothes, nay, the Drunkard his Pot,
Each ſhall gladly relinquiſh—to join in our KNOT.

V.

Were a Prince for Admittance to ſign a Petition,
His good Name we'd reſpect, but deſpiſe his Condition;
And if found unworthy, away he might trot,
For none but the Worthies ſhall join in our KNOT.

VI.

Should the Curious inquire *who founded our Order*,
I'd refer him to *Collier*, that faithful Recorder;
Should this not content him, I don't care a Jot,
I can tell him no more, unleſs join'd in our KNOT.

VII. Benevolence,

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Benevolence, Decency, Joy, and Good-Nature,
We ſhed to the Brethren, and to ev'ry creature:
In Enmity cool, but in Friendſhip we're hot,
Be this then the Motto of each *Friendly* KNOT.

VIII.

Then riſe, *Friendly Brethren*, and join Hand in Hand,
Together we'll ſit, and together we'll ſtand;
Nor Artifice, Fraud, nor Contrivance, nor Plot,
Shall ever divide us when join'd in one KNOT.

SONG,

S O N G,

Compoſed for the Society of *Friendly Brothers*,

By Captain EDWARD FRIENDLY HAYES,

Of the 16th Regiment of Foot.

[Tune—*The Wat'ry God, &c.*]

I.

LONG had Hibernia's Sons conſeſt,
With honeſt, and undaunted Breaſt,
In Arms ſuperior ſtood;
And oft to aid their Country's Laws,
T' aſſert their own and Britain's Cauſe,
Had ſhed their gen'rous Blood.

II.

In Arts as well as Arms they ſhone,
Thoſe Arts which once were all their own,
From other Regions fled,
When Gothic Rage, o'er Roman Senſe,
O'er Attic Wit and Eloquence,
A ſable Veil had ſpread.

III.

And when a more enlight'ned Age
Beheld with juſt, indignant Rage,
A Monkiſh Bigot reign,
Her Patriot Chiefs to Arms repair,
The Tyrant from his Throne to tear,
And Naſſau to obtain.

IV.

Struck with her Children's virtuous Toil,
The Guardian Genius of the Iſle,
(While Pleaſure fills her Breaſt)
On Wings of Wind departs the Skies,
To one, her beſt-lov'd Son, ſhe flies,
And thus the Youth addreſt:

V. "My

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" My Son, thy Country's Deeds demand
A juſt Reward to bleſs the Land,
In which ſuch Virtues grow;
And lo! I bear this well-earn'd Prize,
From which the Joys of Seraphs riſe,
From whence their Pleaſures flow.

VI.

'Tis *Friendſhip*—matchleſs Gift! I bring;
To ſocial Bliſs the ſtrongeſt Spring
The Heavens can impart;
'Tis this expands each nobler Senſe,
Adds *Charity*, *Benevolence*,
And meliorates the Heart.

VII.

And *Britain*'s Sons, with You ſhall be
In *Friendſhip* linkt, and *Harmony*,
The *Choice*, *Selected*, *Few*;
A Band of *Brothers* you ſhall prove,
Faſt bound in true *Fraternal Love*"—
She ſaid—And upwards flew.

VIII.

Now let us who theſe Ties can boaſt,
In grateful Union give a Toaſt,
And puſh the Bumper round:
" May *Friendly Brothers* all remain
" In *Friendſhip*'s Adamantine Chain,
" Indiſſolubly bound."

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